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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of February 12, 2001. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 2, 9-14, 18-20, 22-30, and 33-37 are pending. The Office Action Summary recites claims 2, 9-14, 18-20, 22-30, and 33-39 as being under consideration in this application. It appears that the reference to claims 33-39 is an inadvertent error and that the summary should refer to claims 33-37.

Rejection of Claims Under the Doctrine of Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 2, 9-14, 18-20, 22-30, and 33-37 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 73, 74, 81, and 88-96 in

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